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DEAD BODY OF JAMES P. McCANN IS FOUND IN A QUARRY; F. SEYMOUR "LORD" BARRINGTON SWEATED BY POLICE.

Suspect Contradicts Himself; Makes Damaging Admissions—Jewels Worn by McCann Discovered in Patrol Wagon in Which Barrington Was Driven to the Mounted District Police Station When Arrested.

Admits to Chief Desmond That He Was With McCann at Bonfils Station the Night of the Disappearance.

"Lord" F. Seymour Barrington, consequent upon the finding near Bonfils, St. Louis County, of a body believed undoubtedly to be that of James P. McCann, race-horse man and former friend of the Englishman of alleged "good family," is a prisoner at the Four Courts, held a suspect in connection with what is believed to have been a most carefully planned and executed murder.

On the mud guard of the patrol wagon in which Barrington was conveyed to the Mounted District Police Station after his arrest were found McCann's watch and diamond ring, which were a portion of the valuables upon the person of the missing man.

The jewelry has been identified by the wife of the murdered man. Barrington will not admit that he dropped the watch and ring under the seat, but the police believe that he hid them there while being taken to the station.

Cornered in the office of Chief of Detectives Desmond, Barrington, who began by denying every imputation of guilt, weakened in essentials of his defense last night.

At first in his soft, innocent, persuasive manner, which has netted him, the police believe, three different wives, he advanced the explanation which he gave when arrested last Thursday on the charge that he knew of the circumstances of McCann's disappearance from his home at No. 2902 Franklin avenue.

But he gave way under the close pressure of Chief Desmond's searching questions, and admitted being upon a St. Louis, St. Charles and Western car late at night a week ago Thursday night, and to getting off the car with McCann near Bonfils.

It was upon this Thursday, June 18, at night, that McCann was last seen. By his admission, several times repeated, Barrington went to the Suburban Garden with him and there met two women and two men.

One woman, according to Barrington, went downtown early in the evening, but the other, under the insufficient cognomen "Minnie"—as such alone Barrington declares he knew her—remained in their company. Then, according to Barrington, McCann and the woman walked west from the garden and went into a field, whence, a few moments later, were heard feminine calls for help.

Barrington further related that the two men who had been with him during the woman's absence with McCann attacked McCann, and that he (Barrington) rushed to his friend's assistance. A general fight followed, after which McCann departed with the men and the woman, and Barrington came downtown.

In this way he explained the condition of his clothes, the bruises on his face, and the other evidence of a scuffle, which appeared next morning. But his admission last night and the finding of the jewels, the police think, discredit his entire yarn.

Lying dead and stark naked, in an advanced state of decay, the body was found Thursday afternoon. It lay in a deserted section of the country, at the bottom of a deep quarry, 200 yards from the street railway tracks, and its presence at first indicated no strange crime, the vague hypothesis of drowning being advanced and generally accepted.

A day passed before an inquest was held. Yesterday morning when a coroner's jury tendered a verdict of "death by foul play," decay was so far advanced that marks of violence could not be discerned upon the corpse. The coroner declared that shot wounds might have been sustained and not be perceptible.

Detective Gratiot Cabanne of the Mounted District first found what linked the death of McCann with Barrington. In a field near by, at different places, he discovered the pocketbook and shoes, which subsequently were identified positively by Mrs. McCann and others as having been worn by the dead man.

Then followed the investigation. Barrington weakened in his story, when faced by four men, three of them employees of the St. Louis, St. Charles and Western road, who swore that they had seen Barrington, with a man answering the description of McCann, on the car going to Bonfils.

They made their statements to Chief Desmond and then asked that they might be allowed to go home, and return to-day.

"No need of them returning," spoke up Barrington. "They tell the truth. I went to Bonfils with McCann. We got separated. If he was killed I know nothing of it."

Other witnesses tell of seeing Barrington early Friday morning, dirty and bloody, at various stages of his long journey from Bonfils to the city.

Charles Morrison, porter at the Leland House, which was McCann's home, tells of Barrington's return that morning, of his peculiar conduct, and of his having taken a revolver from his pocket, which he placed in his trunk.

Barrington boarded with the McCanns, and Mrs. McCann declares that he has been nervous since her husband's disappearance.

"Lord" Barrington has paraded about St. Louis for several months, both before and after he was kicked, by his brother-in-law, out of his sister-in-law's house and served a term in the Workhouse. He always wore a natty Prince Albert, silk hat, gloves, and, usually, white or red necktie with a diamond stud.

Photographs from Scotland Yard, London, of George Frederick Neville Barton, English crook, with a record, very closely resemble Barrington. Barton, as Sir Frederick Snydenham Burgoyne, thief, burglar, and bigamist, is about as deep-dyed a criminal as can be found.

A nude body, believed with certainty to be that of James P. McCann, who mysteriously disappeared last week from his home at No. 2902 Franklin avenue, was found Thursday evening by Lewis Tucker, a negro, in the Washburn quarry, on Taussig avenue, near Bonfils station, in St. Louis County. The quarry contains twelve feet of water.

Tucker notified the authorities, and the investigation that followed resulted in the arrest of "Lord" F. Seymour Barrington, who was released by Chief Desmond twenty-four hours earlier.

The body now rests in a grave near Bonfils, and Barrington is held in the custody of the police. A net of circumstantial evidence is being woven around him by the city and county authorities, and Chief Desmond "sweats" him continually for explanation of numerous suspicious facts.

at Bonfils on the night in question, shortly before the finding of the shoes.

This was about 10 o'clock. Barrington insisted that they were mistaken.

Deputy Sheriff Schnecko, who was with the party, said that a warrant would be issued against Barrington. Mrs. Jesse McCann, the wife, he said, would swear to the information.

When Detective Cabanne and his fellow-officers arrived at Bonfils yesterday they discovered that Bertha Lang, a 12-year-old girl, had found a pocketbook, five cartridges, one empty and the other four loaded, and a razor handle last Monday and Tuesday near Taussig avenue, where the body was found.

Cabanne searched further and found a pair of low quarter patent leather shoes in a wheat field about sixty yards northeast of the quarry.

The shoes had evidently been pulled off the wearer in a hurry. They were not untied. The trademark of Joel Swope was found in them.

Cabanne and the officers remained during a part of the inquest. Knowing that Barrington had been released, and fearing that the news of the finding of the body would precede them to St. Louis, thereby giving him an opportunity to escape, they concluded to hurry back to the city.

When they reached Bonfils Station they met Detective Schmidt with Mrs. McCann.

Cabanne asked her if she could identify her husband's pocketbook. She replied that she could. Pulling a brown wallet-shaped affair, about five inches long and three inches wide, from his pocket, the officer asked her if she recognized it.

WIFE FAINTS NEAR SCENE OF MURDER.

"My God!" screamed the woman, "it is murder!" and swooned. She was revived and identified the shoes as those worn by her husband.

The officers lost no time in getting back to St. Louis, as they were convinced that Barrington would make an attempt to escape. Their suspicions were apparently well founded, for when they reached the Leland House, No. 2902 Franklin avenue, Barrington was dressed ready to leave. He had sent his trunk to the Union Station to be expressed to Chicago, about thirty minutes previously.

When they opened the door, says Cabanne, Barrington started to make a dash to get out. He caught him and threatened to break every bone in his body if he attempted to get away. The "Lord" then submitted to arrest and was taken to the Mounted District Police Station in Forest Park, where he was locked up.

In the meantime Coroner Koch and Constable Leuz had finished the inquest. Doctor Koch says there was no sign of violence on the body and that, in view of the testimony, he searched it closely for bullet holes, but could not find any.

The face was so badly swollen and decomposed that he could not tell whether any bullets had entered it. The coroner is of the opinion that a drug was used.

BODY WILL BE EXHUMED TO-DAY.

The body, under Doctor Koch's directions, was buried near the quarry. It probably will be exhumed this morning, however, as the sheriff wants to get absolute proof that the murdered man is the former companion of the "Lord."

The identification of Barrington as the man who accompanied James P. McCann upon the night of Thursday, June 18, on the St. Louis, St. Charles and Western Railroad as far as Bonfils Station was made last night by Conductor Ike Bennett and Motorman John O'Brien of that line.

The identification of McCann was also made, without hesitation, by the two men when a tinsmith of Barrington and McCann was shown them, a moment later.

Entering police headquarters with a Republic representative, Olefin Bennett, Charles Sack and Louis Hirschler, foreman of the road, passed Barrington in the hallway.

FOUR MEN IDENTIFY "LORD" BARRINGTON.

Barrington was being questioned by Chief Kitch, and with him he presented an unobstructed view of those who passed him.

"Is he the man?" was asked the four men. With one accord they answered, "He is."

There was not a moment's hesitation. They caught a view of Barrington and at once declared that he was the man who was a passenger on the car on Thursday evening, and had been seen along the roadway the next morning.

The corroborative identification was then made by Charles Sack and Louis Hirschler, who, on the following morning, noticed a man enter the Wellston despatch with mud and generally disordered.

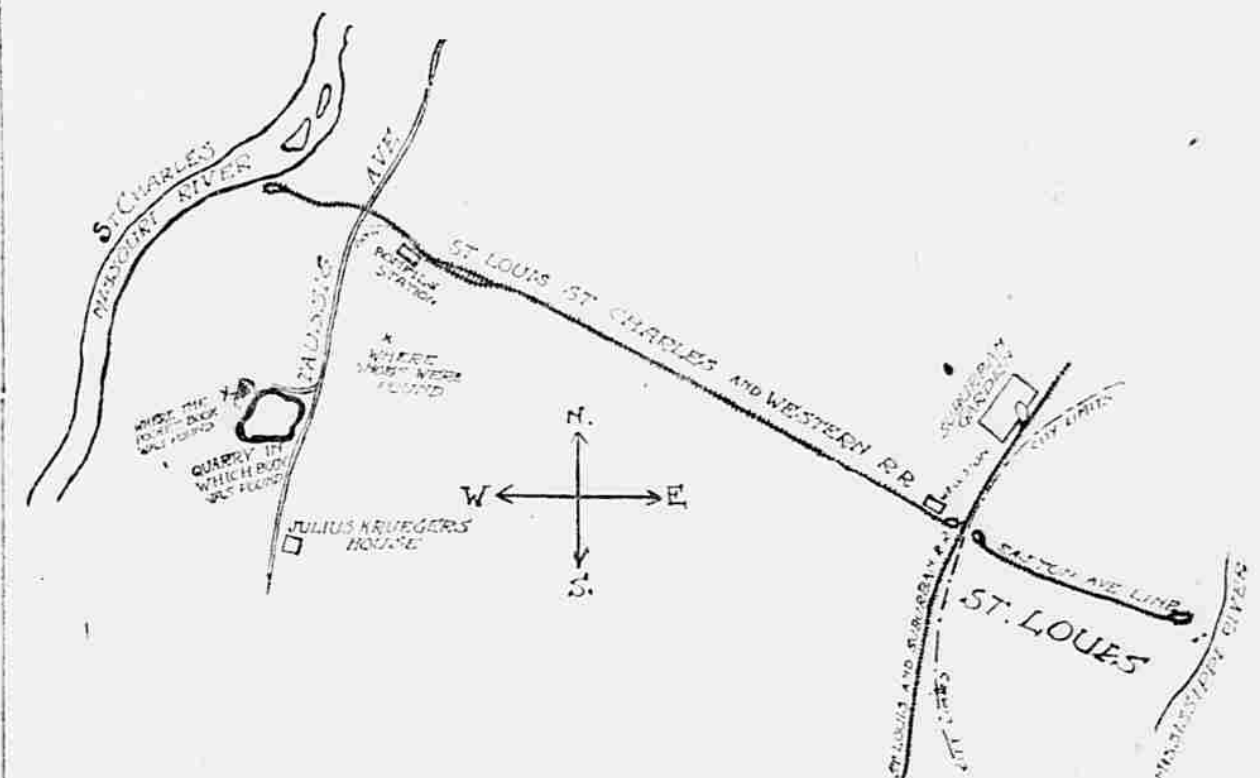
Before Barrington was taken before Chief Desmond the three men who identified him as they entered the building confronted him in the hallway.

Cool and collected, the man who is believed to have killed his friend faced the three men who were ready to swear that he was the man who accompanied McCann to the quarry.

"Are you quite sure I am the man?" said Barrington, with the greatest coolness, looking the witnesses in the eye.

"We are, indeed," answered Bennett.

SECTION OF THE COUNTRY WEST OF ST. LOUIS CONNECTED WITH McCANN'S DISAPPEARANCE.



St. Louis County, near Bonfils Station on the St. Louis, St. Charles and Western Railway, showing the quarry in which the body was found and the place where the pocketbook and shoes were picked up by the searching party.



"LORD" BARRINGTON, JAMES P. McCANN AND MRS. McCANN. The photograph of Barrington and McCann is the one the former claims was taken at the Suburban Garden Thursday night, before the difficulty which he alleges took place with two unidentified men and a woman companion.

he met a man several miles out of Wellston coming toward the city.

Conductor Charles Sack, who also saw Barrington, was one of the witnesses at the Four Courts last night.

"I noticed the man," said Sack, "soon after leaving Wellston, and seeing that he acted in a suspicious manner, I started to stop the car. As the car commenced to slacken pace, Barrington, for so I now know him to be, placed his hands over his eyes."

"As the car passed him, however, he withdrew his arms, and I had a good chance to see his face. It was dirty, but I am positive that it was Barrington's face."

"He wore a Prince Albert coat, and about his neck there was a handkerchief. He was so muddy and disordered that I could not determine whether he was a tramp or a man in distress."

Conductor Bennett and Motorman Olefin of the car that carried the two men to the place of the supposed murder, are able to give valuable information as to the circumstances of the evening.

"I remarked to my partner, Olefin," said Bennett last night, on the night the two men made the trip to the end of our line, "that it was an unusual time of night for strangers to visit the country."

WITH STRANGERS.

"At Wellston a party of two women and a man took the car with Barrington and McCann, and in the talkative humor in which McCann appeared to be, he started a conversation with one of the women passengers."

"I remember that as the party of three left the car at Marvin Camp, about five miles from the city, the woman, who had been talking to McCann, said: 'I will pray for you to-night.'"

"When we reached Bonfils the two men left the car, and soon afterwards we heard the shot in the direction of the quarry."

Charles Sack, who also identified Barrington, is the motorman on the express car that leaves Wellston every morning at 8 o'clock. He said that he met Barrington about three-quarters of a mile from the terminus.

William Mott and Frank Perry, motorman and conductor of the same line, reported to their associates that they also had met the two men on their trip about 7 o'clock Friday morning. These two men could not be located last night, but their testimony will be obtained to-day.

SAW McCANN AND BOGUS LORD TOGETHER.

Detectives Schmidt and James found five persons yesterday afternoon who say that they saw McCann and Barrington together last Thursday night. St. Charles and Western of the St. Louis, St. Charles and Western Railroad told the detectives that McCann and Barrington boarded his car at Wellston and rode to Bonfils Station.



FREDERICK GEORGE BARTON. F. SEYMOUR "LORD" BARRINGTON. Believed by the St. Louis police to be the same man. Barton was convicted in England on charges of receiving stolen property, embezzling and burglary, and served several terms in the Dartmoor Prison.

morning. He stated that Barrington wore a Panama hat.

When Barrington and McCann went out on the car, and when they had their pictures taken at the Suburban Garden earlier in the night, Barrington wore a Panama hat and McCann a Panama. Chief Desmond believes Barrington put on McCann's hat to change his appearance and put his own hat in his pocket.

Detective Harrington was sent to the McCann home to get Barrington's trunk. Harrington told Chief Desmond when arrested Thursday night about the disappearance of McCann that he had a pistol in his trunk.

When Detective Harrington reached the house, after McCann's body had been found, he discovered that the trunk had been hauled away in an express wagon. No person could be found who saw the trunk taken away. The trunk was found at Union Station last night at 8 o'clock.

ARREST MADE AT THE LELAND HOUSE.

As soon as a Chief of Detectives Desmond heard of the finding of the body, he detailed all available detectives and special officers to find Lord Barrington.

Special officers were sent out from all the districts. Cabanne, Kirk and Hall of the Mounted District were among those who responded, and they found Barrington at the Leland House, McCann's home. Detective George Greely from headquarters arrived at the Leland a few minutes after the Mounted District men got there.

While Cabanne, Kirk and Hall led Barrington to the Mounted District Station, Detective Greely made inquiries around the house and searched the premises.

In a barrel in the cellar Greely found a suit of black clothes. Charles Morrison, the porter of the hotel, was with Greely when he found the clothes.

"That's Barrington's suit of clothes," exclaimed Morrison. "Mrs. McCann told my wife to hide it there, so that Barrington could not get it."

STRIKING POINTS IN McCANN CASE.

The most striking point in the circumstantial evidence connecting Barrington with McCann's death was the finding of jewelry, identified by Mrs. McCann as her husband's property, on the mud guard of the patrol wagon in which Barrington was taken to the Mounted District Police Station.

Barrington's trunk was seized by the police at the Union Station, where it was taken by Barrington's order early in the afternoon.

After a severe "sweating" by Chief of Detectives Desmond, Barrington admitted last night that he accompanied McCann to Bonfils Station on the night of June 18.

He unlocked it himself and took the articles from it. When he came to a silver-mounted pearl-handled revolver of 28 caliber, which was wrapped in a cloth and tissue paper, Barrington clung to it suspiciously. Chief Desmond lost no time in taking the weapon away from Barrington. The weapon was empty. It bore no trace of having been fired. Barrington pointed out this fact with seeming satisfaction.

McCann's cane was found in the trunk. Mrs. McCann was called into the room and identified the cane. It was the first time Barrington had seen Mrs. McCann since his arrest.

"Yes, that was Mr. McCann's cane," said Barrington. "It is the same one with which he struck me. He gave it to me at Suburban Garden and told me to take it home with me."

"Do you mean to say that you held on to that cane all the time you were fighting with those men?" asked Chief Desmond.

"Yes," the prisoner replied.

From the trunk Barrington took a clean collar and a pair of cuffs. He also took a comb, with which, he said, he parted his hair this morning when he is taken out of the hold-over.

"Is Mrs. McCann under arrest?" he asked Chief Desmond, as she was led from the room.

"Yes," replied the Chief.

"She has done nothing, Chief. I do not see why she should be held."

Chief Desmond explained that in such cases all persons connected are held until a thorough investigation is made.

The police ascertained last night from Louis Hirschler of No. 571 Theodora avenue, foreman of the street railway shops at Pattersonville, that he had seen Barrington early last Friday morning walking into the city. He stated that Barrington wore a Panama hat and had a handkerchief around his neck.

What Barrington had done with the Panama hat the police have not been able to ascertain. When he arrived at the Leland House he wore a black Panama hat. This hat was found in his trunk when it was opened last night. Picking it up, Barrington quickly remarked that it was the hat he had worn on the night of McCann's disappearance.

JEWELRY FOUND ON MUD GUARD.

The finding of McCann's watch and ring in the patrol wagon is the most damaging evidence against the "Lord."

Barrington was taken to the Four Courts from the Mounted District about 1 o'clock. Returning to the station the signal officer was attracted by something shining on the mud guard of the wagon. Investigation disclosed the watch and chain and ring, with initial M, set in diamonds.

How the watch and ring got there unless Barrington put them in the place where they were found is not explained.

The prisoner was searched at the Mounted District Station after his arrest, but the jewelry was not found. It is believed that Barrington had them secreted in his clothing, and although closely searched dropped them, believing they would fall to the street.

Barrington admitted that the watch and ring were the property of McCann. He denied knowing where they had been dropped.

Mrs. McCann also identified the jewelry.

At 12:29 o'clock this morning Barrington was sent to the holdover. He promised Chief Desmond that he would be in a better humor to talk this morning.

Mrs. McCann and her sister, Miss Mayme Evans, who were taken to the Four Courts, were permitted to go to their home, with instructions to be at the Four Courts this morning at 11 o'clock.

Asked what he thought of the case as he left the Four Courts this morning at 1 o'clock, Chief Desmond said: "It undoubtedly is one of the most sensational murders we have had to deal with in years."

"Barrington will tell me all about it to-day. Of that I feel assured."

WANTED STATE OF CLOTHING CONCEALED.

"Morrison tells me that Barrington asked him not to let me know anything of the condition of his clothing when he came in last Friday morning, and to say nothing to me about the fight McCann had been in."

"I left the house when Mrs. McCann asked me to do so. Yesterday she telephoned to me that she wanted me to come out to the house. I went out to see her."

Mrs. McCann requested me to stay at her house last night. She said she was afraid of Barrington and wanted protection. She asked me to sleep in the folding bed in the front parlor, just off of her room. She and her sister slept in the next room.

"I noticed that Barrington was very nervous."

After hearing the statements of Morrison and Brown, Chief Desmond sent Detective Greely back to the McCann home with instructions to bring Mrs. McCann to the Four Courts.

Detective Greely found Mrs. McCann at home with her sister, Miss Mayme Evans of Wallman, Ky., who was summoned to St. Louis Thursday by Mrs. McCann.

"When I entered the house," said Detective Greely, "Mrs. McCann threw two tin-type photographs of her husband and Barrington, which were taken at Suburban Garden the night McCann disappeared, behind a mantle. Miss Evans threw an old purse under the bed."

DETECTIVE FIND SECRETED PHOTOGRAPH.

Chief Desmond immediately sent other detectives to find the things that had been secreted by the women. They were brought back to the Four Courts. Asked why she had secreted them, Mrs. McCann did not make a satisfactory explanation.

Chief Desmond began questioning Mrs. McCann at once. Detectives Schmidt and James, who accompanied Mrs. McCann to the place in St. Louis County where the body supposed to be that of her husband was found, had reported to the Chief that Mrs. McCann refused to go further when

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